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USING FORCE

Employers Dragged Into Meetings.

ARMY OF MEN STRIKE

Government Holds Many Conferences of Bureau Chiefs and Ministers.

STUDENT KILLED AT WARSAW

Conflict Between Strikers and Military Reported at Lodz—Maxim Gorky and Other Authors Will Be Tried by Courts.

Sonsservice, Feb. 3.—About 40,000 men are now on strike. Strikers today forcibly dragged officers belonging to the management of various concerns to the place of meeting. The men's demands include a minimum wage of 75 cents a day, 8 hours to constitute a day's work; various reforms in factory management, and old age pension. The strikers also went to the railway station of Strehemisch, seized and bound the officers, and wrecked the station buildings, stopping trains in both directions.

MINISTERS CONFER.

Proposal to Restore Senate's Power Under Consideration.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—Official reports of the deliberations of the committee of ministers on guarantees for the observance of laws and for the prevention of arbitrary conduct by the officials, evoke general satisfaction. The proposal to restore the senate's original character as the chief guardian of the laws is described, in some quarters, as the corner stone of a new edifice which is building on the ruins of the bureaucracy.

Special commissioners of the ministry of the interior, finance and department of justice are busily studying the questions of equality, peasant's legislation, strikes and state insurance for workmen, outlined by the imperial ukase of December 25.

NATIVES ARRIVE.

Tell Story of Mischchenko's Advance on the Railway.

Mukden, Feb. 1 (via Tientsin, Feb. 3).—All the natives of Holant and Fuchichung who were let through the lines during the Russian occupation, arrived at Mukden on January 31, except a few who were killed in battle. The impression is general among the Russian troops on the right flank that either General Nodzu or General Nogi was present at Sandiapi, where the Russians ascribe their greatest losses to cleverly concealed batteries behind the main works. The Japanese withdrew from their outworks at Sandiapi, which at one time the Russians occupied.

General Mischchenko was still advancing carrying out a flanking movement intending to cut the railway north of Liao Yang and was taking outpost after outpost with prisoners when the order to retire came.

Although intrenched, the infantry more than successfully combatted the cavalry as they have done heretofore.

Fight at Lodz.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—The Lokai Anzeiger's 'Warsaw correspondent reports a bloody encounter at Lodz, the military firing on the strikers and causing great havoc.

In a fight several days ago, the correspondent says, 16 strikers were killed and 78 wounded, of whom 33 were severely injured.

Nobility Loyal.

Moscow, Feb. 3.—At a private meeting of the provincial nobility today, after a discussion of reform proposals, it was decided to vote for a modified

form of address to the government to the effect that the members of the nobility are eagerly awaiting word from the emperor to show the bonds uniting the throne and the people are still unbroken, and that the emperor would, when he deemed it advisable, summon elected representatives of the people to participate in the government.

To Try Gorky.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 3.—It is the intention of the government to bring Maxim Gorky and seven other authors and publishers to trial on political charges.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Large Property Loss and Much Suffering Sustained.

New York, Feb. 3.—Five houses have been destroyed by fire and 86 families made homeless by a fire in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. Many persons narrowly escaped death.

Owing to the severe cold, the firemen suffered greatly. Many hands and noses were frozen and the policemen suffered likewise. Property valued at \$50,000 was destroyed.

Nine families were routed by fire in another section of Brooklyn about the same time. Oddly enough the flames originated in the plant of a fire proofing company on Tenth street. An aged blind woman was carried from the third floor of one house by a policeman. The fire burned more than an hour.

MANY TO TESTIFY.

Witnesses Will Be Called by the Thousand at Denver.

Denver, Feb. 3.—At a session of the joint legislative committee considering the Peabody gubernatorial contest today, Attorney John A. Rush announced that the democrats are expected to take the evidence of 5000 or 6000 persons, either before the committee or before notaries. He asked to have the ballots taken before notaries when the witnesses are to be heard. His request was denied by Chairman Griffith.

ROAD FOR NEHALEM

Capital Secured for a Line to Tillamook.

WORK BEGINS IN 90 DAYS

Preparations Completed for a Line to Tap the Rich District Lying Between Portland and the Coast Cities of the State.

Portland, Feb. 3.—William Reid, attorney for the Portland, Nehalem & Tillamook Railroad Company, which has been for more than two years past engaged in an effort to perfect arrangements by which a railroad shall open to development the rich region lying between Portland and the coast, announces that work will be started constructing the line within 90 days, and it will be completed by the end of 1905. Whether the railroad will enter Portland over its own rails depends on the action of the legislature in reference to a bill introduced in the house at Salem, requiring railroads to interchange cars and establish rates for joint traffic.

The measure further provides, as now amended, that in case the officials of two roads fail to agree upon such rates for interchange of cars, a board of arbitration, composed of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, shall decide and establish the through rate.

COL. EASTWICK DEAD.

Yellow Fever Claims Portland Man on the Isthmus.

New York, Feb. 3.—Yellow fever was, according to a Herald dispatch from Panama, the cause of the death of Col. Philip G. Eastwick of Portland, Ore., which was reported yesterday. He was ill but a few days.

Colonel Eastwick arrived only recently on the isthmus. He was the father of the manager of the International bank and well known on the Pacific coast.

POOR DEFENSE

Judge Swayne Answers Charges in Senate.

EVERY FACT ADMITTED

Claims the Charges Are Not of the Nature of a High Crime.

POST OFFICE BILL CARRIED

Republican Caucus of House Members Decides to Bring Railroad Rate Bill to a Vote Without Amendment—Votes not Bound.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Through his counsel, Judge Swayne today made a formal response in the senate to the articles of impeachment voted by the house of representatives. The answer is a formidable document in point of size. In every case the fact charged was admitted, but it was explained from Judge Swayne's point of view, and in addition, it contended that, even if the conditions were true as charged, they are not of a character to justify proceedings for impeachment for "high crimes and misdemeanors."

The answer was read by ex-Senator Houston, and when he concluded the senate issued an order requiring the house to file its formal reply by next Monday.

Postal Bill Carried.

Washington, Feb. 3.—After nearly a week of discussion on the postoffice appropriation bill carrying \$180,787,415, it passed the house today, following the defeat of a motion by Moon of Tennessee to recommit it with instructions to strike out the provision for special mail facilities on trunk lines.

Amendment Lost.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A caucus of republican members of the house today decided to report the rule bringing to a vote, without amendment, the Echols-Townsend railroad rate bill when it is taken up in the house. The caucus did not bind any member to vote for the bill when it comes up for passing.

To Care for Lepers.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Senator Crane today introduced a bill appropriating \$250,000 for the establishment of a leprosy hospital for the segregation of lepers and to prevent a spread of the disease in the United States, provided the institution can be constructed on some abandoned military reservation, or other suitable site owned by the United States.

CANNOT AGREE.

Washington Irrigation Committee Fail to Get Together.

Olympia, Feb. 3.—In view of the apparent inability of the irrigation committees in the legislature to agree upon a general irrigation code, the government representatives, who have been urging passage of irrigation laws, have submitted a bill to the committees which, if adopted, will enable the government to proceed with the reclamation work in the districts of the state that are not now thickly settled, or where there has been no large number of water appropriations already made.

The bill will be favorably recommended by the committee. The legislature adjourned until Monday.

MONEY GALORE.

New York Can't Count the Flood of Bills Pouring In.

New York, Feb. 3.—A flood of money from the banks of the interior cities has swept down on the great financial institutions of the Wall street district. How to count the currency and where to store it has become serious problems.

The money began to come this way

three weeks ago, as is usual at this season, and, for a time, was taken care of in the regular way; but, during the past five or six days, the receipts have exceeded all records and some banks were forced to take outside vault room, while others are being rapidly filled to the doors.

The ability of the clerks to count the bills, which come in packages of \$25,000 to \$100,000, has been tested to the utmost. Some banks adopted the scheme of sending the bundles at once to the sub-treasury where there are many experts who do nothing but count money from morning until night. A few of these experts also have been loaned to a few of the largest institutions.

Various reasons are advanced by the financiers to account for the unusually large flood of currency. It is generally attributed to local trade and manufacturing conditions in various localities.

Czar Receives Workmen.

London, Feb. 3.—A news agency says the czar today received a deputation of five workmen from the Star Printing works, and questioned them regarding labor conditions. The emperor expressed satisfaction at what was told him and expressed himself desirous of visiting the works in person.

Cashier Absconds.

Seattle, Feb. 3.—Pinkerton detectives are scouring the country for Arthur Snorge, erstwhile assistant cashier of the Alaska Fisheries Union in this city, who disappeared about a month ago. A bonding company says he is \$7000 short.

Tracks Washed Out.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 3.—A storm occurred today which assumed the proportions of a cloudburst in the mountains of this vicinity. Several miles of track were washed out and the Southern Pacific cannot move trains for at least 24 hours. (The storm continues.)

BAD GANG CAUGHT

Coined Spurious Money for Over Two Years.

CAPTURED WITH THE GOODS

Had a Graft That Beat Bonanza Creek and Could Turn Out Forty Dollars a Hour—Imitations Were Good Ones.

Bellingham, Feb. 3.—An important capture of counterfeiters was made in this city tonight when the police apprehended Walter Packwood, Fred Smith and Fred Miller. The men were supposed to be shingle weavers, and had excited no suspicion until recently when the appearance of bogus money led to a careful scrutiny of patrons of gun shops, hardware stores and machine shops where tools might be repaired. The search of the officers was rewarded tonight when they succeeded in finding the men named repairing a mold which was used for casting \$1 silver pieces.

After the arrest the men confessed to having a counterfeiting plant near the city which is capable of turning out 40 "silver" dollars an hour, besides arrangements for raising \$1 bills to \$10.

It was also learned that the men have been operating for over two years and they are believed to have circulated a large amount of spurious coin. The counterfeiters are pronounced by those who have examined them to be excellent imitations of the real thing.

Sensational Speech.

London, Feb. 3.—A speech was delivered in East Leigh last night by Arthur Hamilton Lee, civil lord of the admiralty, in which he said Britain had reason to look with anxiety toward the North sea (Germany), and that Britain's navy is now twice the strength ever before reached, has created a sensation. His remarks characterized the great newspapers as being exceedingly indiscreet.

PUTER'S HAND

Starts Land Fraud Cases at Salem.

SECURES NEW VICTIMS

Attempts to Evade the Law By Using a Very Flimsy Pretext.

ONE TOOL MAKES CONFESSION

Same General Method as in Indicted Cases, But Allows His Pals to Retain a One-Tenth Interest to Evade the Statutes.

Salem, Feb. 3.—A plot to defraud the state of about 2,000 acres of state lands was discovered today through the confession of one, W. C. Randle, of this city, who stated to Governor Chamberlain, before whom he had been summoned that he was induced to sign applications for lands and swear to necessary affidavits.

The statement of Randle, whose deposition was taken before Attorney General Crawford, implicates S. A. D. Puter, recently convicted in Portland on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, and one Basil Wagner of this city. Randle confessed that he had received \$20 in cash for his signature to fraudulent claims, and he was promised a one-tenth interest in the property after it had been secured. A rigid investigation will be instituted with a view to unearthing additional frauds.

Applications for purchase of school lands near Klamath Falls were filed by nine residents of Salem who swore they wanted the lands for their own use. Clerk Brown became suspicious and summoned the applicants to make personal affidavits. Today they appeared and made their applications, each applicant tendering a draft on Ladd & Busch's bank for \$200 as the first payment on 320 acres of land.

When Randle appeared he was escorted to the governor's office and there the confession, which showed Puter's hand in the transaction, was obtained.

According to Randle he was approached by Basil Wagner, who induced him to go into the deal. While Randle was making his confession Puter, who was in the rotunda of the capitol, heard of the matter, and sought an audience before the board. He told the board the land was being purchased for California capitalists who furnished the money, he (Puter) acting as their agent.

Puter did not deny that the applicants were hired to act as mediums for the transfer of title to the land, but tried to make it appear legal by representing that the applicants were to retain a one-tenth interest, which he afterwards purchased for \$20. Wagner did not make a statement. The following citizens signed applications which are the subject of inquiry: H. C. Randle, S. E. Foster, R. L. Penton, R. S. Haskell, D. A. Smith, H. A. Smith, H. J. Van De Bogart, David Steel, R. M. McFarlane.

WARRENTON CHARTER.

Senator Tuttle Introduces a Bill to Amend It.

Senator Tuttle has introduced a bill in the legislature to amend the charter of the town of Warrenton. The amendments are as follows:

Sec. 4.—No person shall be eligible to any office in this municipal corporation who at the time of his election, is not entitled to the privileges of an elector under the laws of the state of Oregon, and no person shall be eligible to the office of mayor, councilman or recorder, who has not in addition to the qualifications above mentioned, also resided within the corporate limits of the city of Warrenton for the period of one year immediately preceding

such election, and who has not real estate in his own name and in his own right, situated within the corporate limits of said city, of the value of at least \$100.

Sec. 5.—No person shall be qualified to vote at any election under this act who is not entitled to the privilege of an elector according to the general laws of this state, and who has not resided within the corporate limits of the city of Warrenton for three months next preceding such election, and who is not the owner of real estate in his own name and in his own right, situated within the corporate limits of said city of at least the value of \$100.

HONEST WISCONSIN.

Heads the List for Financial Integrity of Citizens.

New York, Feb. 3.—According to statistics gathered by an insurance company here, the sum of \$10,000,000 was embezzled in the United States in 1904. These figures are based on cases followed by confession or conviction or by the disappearance of the guilty.

New York state headed the list with embezzlements amounting to \$1,851,585. California was next with a total of \$1,058,825. Then came Pennsylvania with the sum of \$987,233. Ohio followed with \$830,208.

The amount embezzled per capita was greatest in California, where the rate was \$1.25 a thousand of population. The pro rata in this state was only one-half of one per cent a thousand. The best state was Wisconsin, where the stealings average only one one hundredth of one cent.

Memory a Blank.

New York, Feb. 3.—George H. Wood was apprehended tonight and is held on suspicion of having murdered Geo. Williams, a grocer of Watchung, N. J., who was mysteriously murdered while driving a stranger from Watchung to Warrenville. Woods, who is an iron-worker says his memory is a blank for a week past. Bullets of the same size that killed Williams were found in Woods' room.

MEAD IN PORTLAND

Will Turn First Sod for the State Building.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR TODAY

Irrigation Committees of Washington Unable to Get Together and Government Representatives Will Handle Reclamation Work.

Portland, Feb. 3.—Governor Mead of Washington, accompanied by the Washington state Lewis and Clark commission and some members of his staff, arrived in this city this evening. Tomorrow the ground set apart for the Washington building at the exposition will be dedicated, and the first sod will be turned preparatory to construction of the state building.

The visitors will be guests of Governor Chamberlain at luncheon tomorrow, which will be followed by a formal dinner tomorrow night.

Boys Asphyxiated.

Portland, Feb. 3.—The bodies of Walter W. Riggs and Albert Overman of Weiser, Idaho, were found this afternoon in a downtown lodging house. An open gas jet explained the manner of their death, which, from all appearances, was accidental. The young men were formerly engaged in the leather business at Weiser.

Important Bills Signed.

Sacramento, Feb. 3.—Governor Pardee has signed the bill appropriating \$70,000 for California's exhibit at the Lewis and Clark exposition, and he also signed the bill granting to the United States government all lands in the Klamath basin, now covered by lake water, which may be uncovered as a result of proposed reclamation work.

Student Is Killed.

Warsaw, Feb. 3.—A student of the university was killed this morning by strikers, and the strikers also killed a workman who has been in communication with the military authorities.